

WHAT'S *New*



in the Metropolitan Police Department

*A weekly update for residents, visitors, and
workers in the District of Columbia*

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MPDC HONORS 14 "OFFICERS OF THE MONTH" FOR JUNE

Earlier this year, Third District Officer Reuben Jefferson was about to drive into the gas station located in the 1300 Block of 9th Street, NW, when he noticed a man running into the street and fumbling with a cell phone in his hands. Officer Jefferson rolled his window down and asked the subject what was wrong. The subject stated, "They are robbing it, they are robbing it!" The officer then asked the subject, "Who is robbing it?" The subject stated, "Them!" – as he pointed toward two juveniles who were running from the gas station parking lot. Officer Jefferson immediately began to follow the two young suspects, as he alerted other MPDC units on his police radio. The juveniles continued running into the south side alley behind N Street, NW. When Officer Jefferson drove into the alley, he saw one of the suspects remove his coat and place it into an entertainment center that had been left for trash. The other juvenile removed a black leather jacket and a black ski mask and placed them in the entertainment center. The two juvenile suspects were soon apprehended by responding units, and police recovered an unloaded .38 caliber, six-shot revolver. For his keen observational skills and quick actions in apprehending two juvenile robbery suspects and taking a dangerous weapon off the streets, Officer Jefferson was recently honored during the CHAMPS Awards luncheon for June. He was one of 14 MPDC members recognized for their heroism and outstanding service to the community.

- ① Read about all of their actions at:
http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1234,q,560178,mpdcNav_GID,1544.asp
- ① CHAMPS (Capital Hotels Award Metropolitan Police Service) is a monthly awards program sponsored by the Hotel Association of Washington, DC. The June awards luncheon was hosted by the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Northwest.
- ① Members of the public are invited to submit commendations for outstanding MPDC officers anytime, using the online form:
http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1241,q,548642,mpdcNav_GID,1523,mpdcNav_|.asp

SERGEANT BRETT PARSON HONORED FOR HIS WORK IN COMBATING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

WEAVE – Women Empowered Against Violence – is an innovative domestic violence prevention organization in DC. This past week, the group honored two individuals – including an MPDC sergeant – for their efforts to help end domestic violence in the community. Sergeant Brett Parson, head of the MPDC's Gay and Lesbian Liaison Unit, and DC Superior Court Judge Brook Hedge were honored during WEAVE's June 8 awards ceremony, which celebrated the group's ninth anniversary. Judge Hedge and Sergeant Parson were presented with the first Watts Empowerment Award, named for WEAVE's co-founder and first executive director, Lydia Watts. The group said Parson is known as a "leading domestic violence officer in the Metropolitan Police Department." He is trained in the Duluth Model of domestic violence intervention, and "approaches every case with a thorough understanding of, and sensitivity to, the complex dynamics of abusive relationships," WEAVE said in a statement. The group noted that Parson has trained hundreds of MPDC officers, as well as other law enforcement officers from across the nation, in investigating same-gender domestic violence cases. Judge Hedge was recognized for spearheading many advances, including making legal protection from domestic violence more accessible in Wards 7 and 8.

- ① Learn more about Women Empowered Against Violence at:
<http://www.weaveincorp.org>
- ① For more information about domestic violence and the MPDC's response to the problem, go to:
http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1232,q,541110,mpdcNav_GID,1523,mpdcNav_|31417|.asp
- ① Learn more about the organization, goals and services of the MPDC's Gay and Lesbian Liaison Unit at:
http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1232,q,540949,mpdcNav_GID,1523,mpdcNav_|31417|.asp

WASHINGTON, DC POLICE FUND SUPPORTS CRIME FIGHTING, YOUTH OPPORTUNITY PROJECTS

Several years ago, Chief Ramsey approached DC's business and civic communities about getting more involved in the city's community policing strategy. In response, the Federal City Council organized and formally established the Washington DC Police Fund, a non-profit entity that generates resources to support crime prevention programs in some of DC's most challenged neighborhoods, with a particular focus on youth crime prevention. This type of approach had proven successful in other cities – New York, Los Angeles and New Orleans among them. Established in the year 2000 as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, the Washington DC Police Fund operates as an advised fund under the auspices of the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region. The Police Fund works closely with Chief Ramsey to assist the MPDC by providing resources and support to enhance the Department's crime solving ability and to promote community policing. Much of the grant funding to date has been directed to a host of youth violence prevention projects across the District. During 2005, for example, the Fund supported the rehabilitation Camp Brown, a program of the Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Clubs. The Fund also paid for specialized training for some MPDC detectives. Future priorities include auto theft prevention, advocacy for a DC crime lab and greater recognition of MPDC members. The Fund's current co-chairs are Eric Holder Jr., of Covington and Burling and former US Attorney for the District of Columbia, and Margret Neddleoff Kellem, of Friedman Billings Ramsey and former Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice. The Fund's Executive Director is Samuel Harahan (Harahan@WashingtonDCPoliceFund.org)

CIVILIAN JOB VACANCIES IN THE MPDC

The MPDC is currently accepting applications for a variety of full-time civilian positions within the agency. A Capital Project Specialist in Facilities Management (DS-301) plans and coordinates various renovation, refurbishment and construction projects at MPDC facilities. A Writer in Policy and Program Development (DS-1082-11/12) is responsible for researching, drafting and updating MPDC directives on a variety of legal, regulatory, policy and procedural issues. A Legal Instruments Examiner in the Records Branch (DS-0963 6/7/8) reviews, classifies and processes various field reports. There are also two Secretary (Typing) position vacancies (DS-318-07), in the Office of Homeland Security and Counter-Terrorism and the First Police District. In addition to these full-time opportunities, the MPDC continues to seek candidates for part-time Crossing Guard positions. The closing dates for the new positions vary, but all are upcoming. Salaries, tours of duty and other elements of the jobs also vary. The MPDC employs several hundred civilian members, working in various administrative, technical, operational and management positions.

NEWS & NOTES

National Night Out 2006. Mark your calendars: this year's "National Night Out against Crime" will take place on Tuesday, August 1. Once again, DC will celebrate this annual crime prevention event in a big way. Details on the DC observance of National Night Out will be forthcoming. In the meantime, individuals who want to get involved should contact their local police district. Learn more about NNO at http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1242,q,547053,mpdcNav_GID,1541.asp

Requesting Statistics from the MPDC. The MPDC's Research and Resource Development Division (RRD) is responsible for providing preliminary crime, arrest, calls-for-service and other data to the public upon request. RRD is publishing more statistics – including weekly arrest totals and crime "hot spot" reports – on the MPDC website. The Unit also provides a number of ways for individuals to request additional data. Get the details at <http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,A,1232,Q,559569.asp>

① For more information, go to:
<http://www.federalcitycouncil.org/police-fund.html>

① The Fund is holding its Inaugural Awards Luncheon on June 13, 2006, to honor the MPDC's outstanding members of the past year. Details at:
<http://app.mpdc.dc.gov/newsroom/newsroom.asp?sid=436000>

① Details on the current vacancies, including the minimum requirements and application procedures, can be found online at:
<http://mpdc.dc.gov/mpdc/cwp/view,a,1230,q,538142.asp>

DATA BOX

Homicides	as of 6/9/06
◆ 2006: 68	
◆ 2005: 71	
◆ % Change: -4.2%	
◆ Closure Rate: 47.1% (32 closures)	
Adult Arrests	week end. 6/3/06
◆ Total: 938	
◆ Weapons: 26	
◆ Robbery: 9	
◆ U 22	
◆ Prostitution/Sex Offenses: 46	
◆ Narcotics: 156	
Juvenile Activity	week end. 5/13/06
◆ Total Arrests: 40	
◆ Robbery: 2	
◆ Curfew Violators: 63	
◆ Truants: 35	
Firearm Recoveries	as of 6/7/06
◆ June: 31	
◆ May: 179	
◆ 2006 Total: 1,026	
Traffic Fatalities	as of 6/9/06
◆ 2006: 22	
◆ 2005: 20	
◆ % Change: +10.0%	

Information, ideas, or comments about this service? Send an e-mail to **KEVIN MORISON**, MPDC's Director of Corporate Communications, at kevin.morison@dc.gov. Would you like to have this information e-mailed to you? Just go to our Website and register with Crime-reports.com.

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